

Committee on Equal Opportunities
Council on Postsecondary Education
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Status: *Statewide Diversity Planning and Support Programs*

The following information focuses on diversity activities and initiatives since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met March 26, 2012.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference:

The 12TH Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference will be hosted by the University of Louisville at the Belknap campus, June 5-6, 2012. Two hundred students from across Kentucky plan to participate.

GMSCPP Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference (formerly known as the Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference): The 25TH Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference will be hosted by Western Kentucky University, June 15-16, 2012, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Participation in this conference by students and parents is voluntary. Currently there are approximately 175 students and parents registered for the conference. The majority of the registrants requested an opportunity to stay on campus overnight. The partners for this conference are the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Department of Education, and Western Kentucky University.

Lumina Foundation Grant to Address Latino Student Success: The Lumina Foundation, in collaboration with Bluegrass Community and Technical College and the Council on Postsecondary Education, hosted a dinner on April 12, 2012, for the Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA) partners. The Lumina grant will assist Kentucky with increasing the number of Hispanic/Latino students who earn degrees and credentials. The partners in the grant include representatives from six major sectors (K-12, higher education, workforce, policy, community based organizations, and Latino serving organizations). CPE Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Aaron Thompson, discussed the Council's Strategic Agenda and the 2020 goals of HB1 at the dinner. The Hispanic/Latino population will be an integral component to help Kentucky reach its goal of increasing higher education attainment rates and closing the achievement gaps. Approximately 70 individuals attended the dinner in support of the grant.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: The Council on Postsecondary Education, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville are in the process of reviewing applications and identifying potential scholars to be awarded an SREB Doctoral Scholarship in fall 2012. A total of 12 scholars applied for the 2012 Doctoral Scholars' Program scholarship, three at the University of Louisville and nine at the University of Kentucky. As a result of state agency

budget cuts, the Commonwealth will support only two of the 12 scholars that applied, compared to five scholars in previous years.

The 2012 SREB Doctoral Scholars Program Institute on Teaching and Mentoring will take place October 25-28, 2012, in Tampa, Florida.

As of May 3, 2012, Kentucky has served 110 scholars, 33 students are currently matriculating at Kentucky institutions, 34 percent of these students are in the STEM-H areas, and there are 65 graduates.

CPE Meeting Dates: The CPE meeting dates for 2012 are June 20-21, September 13-14 (Governor's Conference on Trusteeship), and November 15-16.

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